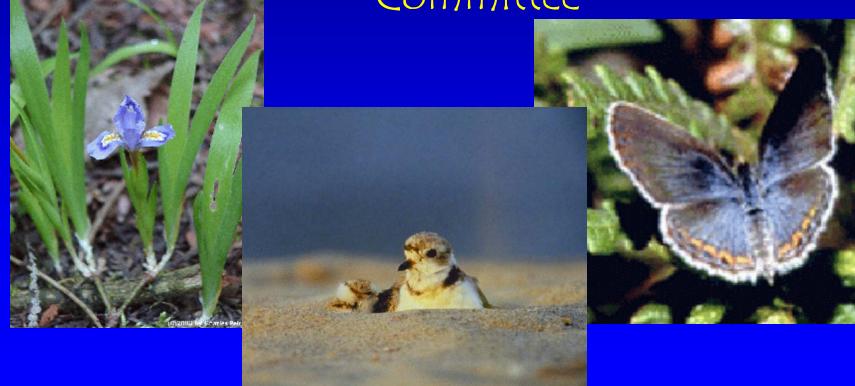


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### **Endangered Species Committee**

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## **Endangered Species Committee**

### **Background**

- ➤ The Great Lakes Basin is home to approximately 30 federally listed endangered, threatened and candidate species. Many of these species are found nowhere else in the world.
- Several species share common aspects of distribution and ecological association, such as Great Lakes shoreline.

## Gneat Lakes Basin Endangered Species Committee

### Committee Goal

Through existing and future partnerships the Endangered Species Committee will work to coordinate, support and implement basin-wide actions to further endangered species recovery efforts on a landscape scale.

## **Endangered Species Committee**

#### Committee Objectives

- 1) Build multi-stakeholder partnerships for basin-wide recovery
- 2) Identify and support multi-species recovery actions
- 3) Facilitate basin-wide exchange of information on species status, distribution and recovery
- 4) Identify and pursue potential funding sources
- 5) Build upon existing efforts to develop a conservation strategy for the basin

#### Potential Focus Areas



Lakeshore Habitats/Dune Systems

Oak Savannah/Prairies





Coastal Wetlands/Fens

Streams and Small Rivers



## **Endangered Species Committee**

#### Proposed FY'04 Actions

- 1) Nominate and select a committee chairman and cochairman, build membership
- 2) Poll field installations to identify priority "1" recovery actions
- 3) Select a set of potential "target species" to focus recovery efforts
- 4) Lay the foundation of a team strategy
- 5) Fund and implement an initial recovery effort
- 6) Sponsor a regional recovery coordination meeting

## **Endangered Species Committee**

#### FY'04 Accomplishments

- 1) Selected co-chairs (R. Niver, L. Tewinkel, J.Dingledine)
- 2) Developed short-term and long-term priorities
- 3) Secured Service membership and solicited input on priorities
- 4) Selected initial focus area for committee action
- 5) Began process of identifying external partners



#### FY'04 Accomplishments

#### **Set Short-term and Long-term Priorities:**

Resources: Staff, partners, recovery plans, etc.

Activities: Calls, meetings, outreach, grant proposals, web page, etc.

Outputs: Database, Web page, materials, strategy

Short-term, Mid-term, Long-term Outputs: Membership, funding, strategy, conservation/recovery



#### FY'04 Accomplishments

#### **Built Membership and Interest:**

- 1) Hosted R3/R5 Conference Calls
- 2) Initiated External Contacts/Database Dev.
- 3) Identified potential partnership effort
  - a) Partners Program
  - b) Landowner Incentive Program
  - c) Mitchell satyr working Group
  - d) Eastern Massasauga CCHA



#### FY'04 Accomplishments

#### **Built Membership and Interest (Cont.):**

- 4) Set objectives/goals for external participation
- 5) Identified project ideas

### FY'04 Accomplishments

Habitat Focus: Inland wetlands/fens/bogs

**Species:** Bog turtle, Mitchell's satyr butterfly,

Eastern massasauga rattlesnake, Hine's

emerald dragonfly

**Partners:** State agencies, NGO's, Land

Trusts, Landowners

**Actions:** Surveys, invasive species

management, outreach, Intra-

service coord., grant writing



## **Endangered Species Committee**

#### Proposed FY'05 Actions

- 1) Build external partnerships
- 2) Continue Intra-Service coordination
- 3) Secure funding for an initial recovery effort
- 4) Implement initial recovery action
- 5) Update the GLBET Web Page
- 6) Organize a regional recovery coordination meeting
- 7) Others?

## Gneat Lakes Basin Endangered Species Committee

• Feedback?

